

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1929

INFO AMCONSUL IBADAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SPOP, PINS, PINT, NI

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL HITCHES IN THE CENSUS

REF: LAGOS 9386

1. FIRST FOUR DAYS CENSUS HAS REVEALED THAT FMG UNDERESTIMATED SOME TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES AND HAS FALLEN BEHIND SCHEDULE. IN MAJOR CITIES, EARLY RELEASE WORKERS TO TAKE PART IN CENSUS RESULTED IN TRAFFIC CONGESTION UNPRECEDENTED EVEN IN NIGERIA, THUS PREVENTING MANY FROM REACHING HOME SOON ENOUGH TO BE COUNTED AS WELL AS DELAYING ENUMERATORS THEMSELVES. IN ADDITION, TIME REQUIRED FOR EACH INTERVIEW HAS PROVEN GREATER THAN EXPECTED, SOME-TIMES REACHING ONE HOUR LENGTH.
  2. IN ORDER REGAIN TIME LOST FMG HAS DECREED THAT ALL BUSINESSES AND OFFICES IN LAGOS AND IBADAN CLOSE COMPLETELY FOR LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHEDULED CENSUS PERIOD AND IN OTHER PARTS COUNTRY FOR LAST TWO DAYS. GOVERNMENT ALSO EXTENDED END OF CENSUS TAKING DAY FROM 1800 TO 1900.
  3. COMMENT: IF THESE ACTIONS PROVE INSUFFICIENT, FMG MAY BE FORCED RELUCTANTLY TO EXTEND CENSUS DEADLINE DESPITE PUBLIC DECLARATIONS EARLIER IN WEEK THAT THEY WOULD NOT DO
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SO. REFUSAL TO EXTEND DEADLINE, IF IT APPEARS MANY PEOPLE

HAVE NOT BEEN COUNTED, COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS CHARGES OF  
INCOMPETENCE, INACCURACY AND DISHONESTY LATER BY GROUPS  
WHO FEEL DISADVANTAGED BY CENSUS RESULTS.  
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